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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the patent application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-12 under 35 USC 112 as non-enabling and has concluded that the Specification does not disclose the claimed limitations. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully assert that all of the pending claims, as amended, are patentable over the cited prior art.

The present invention teaches and claims a method of doing business wherein a wireline telephone company provides wireless telephone communication through a telephone network including the steps of providing a plurality of telephone signals over one or more wirelines connected to one or more network nodes in wireless communication proximity to one or more telephone users; and selectively responding to requests from one or more wireless devices for telephone network attachment through a wireless communication with the network node device and providing connection to the telephone signals based on wireless device user information provided to the network node. The selective responding is based on user information which is either stored at the network node

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or provided dynamically to the network node (e.g., by a requesting user of a wireless device). The user information may relate to the identity of the user, the identity of the wireless device, the service for which the user is a subscriber, etc.

The Specification as originally filed clearly discloses that the "network node provides a wireless connection between a number of land telephone lines and a number of instances of the wireless communication devices...", at page 17, lines 3-6. Further teachings of the network node providing connection can be found in the passage found on page 19, lines 1-3 which states "...the processor [can] connect one or more telephone lines to one or more radio frequency links", and on page 28, lines 14-16 which state "[t]he node...can proceed with making the connection to the telephone line".

Applicants respectfully assert that all wireless communications, by definition, require "connections" which are not physical couplings of wires. Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the Garner patent, which had previously been cited against the present claims, at Col. 1, lines 64 et seq, wherein Garner describes MTS as a service

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which "provides point-to-point circuit switched voice connections between mobile and public switched telephone network (PSTN) subscriber stations." Garner also teaches that MRS provides "point-to-point circuit switched connections between mobile terminal subscriber stations and subscriber stations in a private network" (see: Col. 2, lines 3-6). Clearly the wireless communications art requires that telephone signals from wireless devices be provided along wirelines or along wireless "media" without physical connections being made. Accordingly, to recite a claim feature of "providing connections to at least one of said plurality of telephone signals" is both enabling and definite.

Applicants have, nonetheless, amended that language of Claim 1 to recite the step of "selectively responding to signals comprising direct requests from one or more wireless devices for telephone network attachment through a wireless communication with the network node device and providing communication of signals from at least one of said wireless devices using at least one of said plurality of telephone signals provided along said one or more wirelines based on wireless device user information provided to said network

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node". Applicants believe that the claim language as amended is both enabling and definite. The amended claim language is clearly supported by the Specification, as detailed above.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration of the amended claim language in light of the remarks, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims.

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